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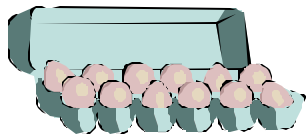
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In the Southern area prices were unchanged to slightly higher on medium sizes and unchanged on the balance. In other areas, prices continued unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady, mostly steady. Demand was light to good, best where limited promotional activity was a factor. In the Western area supplies were close balanced to short. In the remaining areas supplies were adequate to barely adequate. In the Central region, breaking stock supplies were mostly adequate to occasionally tight for the fairly good to good demand. In the Eastern region, breaking stock offerings were usually adequate and demand for additional eggs was fair. Light type fowl was sufficient for current processing schedules.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to good. Supplies on all sizes were adequate. Breaking stock offerings were irregular, but sufficient from regular sources. Demand was fair with most traders unaggressive. Light type fowl were adequate for normal processing schedules.

NEW YORK Prices ended the week unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate for trading needs.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin increased 1 cents for medium and were unchanged for large and small. Prices in other areas were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to instances good with the best movement into scattered feature activity. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to barely adequate with mediums in the tightest position. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was mixed from area to area but was usually fairly good to good. Offerings were generally adequate to available. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. Schedules were mixed from full-time to over-time. The trade sentiment was steady to at least steady.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large unchanged, mediums advanced 1 cent. The trade sentiment steady. Retail demand moderate to good, food service demand light to moderate and the best movement to specials that are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate to barely adequate with mediums reported to be in a tighter position.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. In Florida, asking prices for next week's deliveries were ranging unchanged from current week. However, in Atlanta, asking prices were unchanged on all sizes except mediums which were trending higher than current week. The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate to good and best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies were adequate. Breaking stock supplies were irregular but sufficient for the fair demand with most traders reported as unaggressive. Light type fowl were adequate for normal processing requirements.

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. Retailer demand moderate to good. Offerings mainly short of anticipated full needs for the Christmas holiday.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	107-109	105-107	70-72
New York	83-85	80-83	70-73
Philadelphia	81-83	79-81	69-70.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	76-77	74.5-76	62-63
Jackson (1)	84-85	83-84	71-72
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	82-87	81-85	67-80
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	73-78	72-77	59-64
Detroit (2)	70-73	69-72	54-57
Major Ohio Cities (2)	71-77	70-75	55-61
Major Wisconsin Cities	74-81	72-79	58-65
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	90-93	87-90	73-75
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	96-108	94-101	84-90
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	112	104	94
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(2) - Delivered Warehouse		
(3) - Reported Invoice prices	(4) - Prices To Retailers		

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand moderate to good. Offerings short of full needs as traders attempted to secure stocks for Christmas needs. Small invoice price 74. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets-jumbo dozen 119, extra large dozen 99-109, large dozen 79-99.

CALIFORNIA: PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	124
EXTRA LARGE	112
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	94

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	111-121
EXTRA LARGE	96-108
LARGE	94-101
MEDIUM	84-90

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-189

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was mixed from location to location but usually in a range of fairly good to good. Offerings continued generally adequate or available. Breakers schedules centered mostly around regular commitments with a few breakers more willing to separate liquid and let whole egg bids go unfilled. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment steady to at least steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	35-38	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-24	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. The market tone was reported as improved but usually no better than steady. Offerings were irregular but sufficient from regular suppliers. Demand was fair with most traders unaggressive. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending November 25, 2000 were 7% less than the previous week, and 5% less than a year ago.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	33-37	34-36
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-24	

EASTERN REGION AREA:

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 25-Nov-00
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,034,494	24,970	9,072	5,465	2,345	3,482
PW	1,163,814*	28,036*	10,921	5,876	2,336	4,048*
LY	1,050,728	23,755	10,265	5,741	2,387	3,561
% PW	-11	-11	-17	-7	0	-14
% LY	-2	5	-12	-5	-2	-2
2000	54,910,685*	1,248,883*	548,727	295,293	130,179	183,378*
1999	52,646,418	1,212,307	503,311	276,013	120,840	167,385

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
	41.56	42.00	41.23

*Previous week adjusted for cases broken, liquid whole and inedible.

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 62 to 64 cents for with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for whole egg, fully steady to firm for whites and barely steady to weak for yolk. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for whole, tight to adequate for whites, and adequate for yolk. Demand was increasingly active for whites and rated as good to instances very good. Demand was mostly moderate on the balance. Discounting was noted on some yolk sales and a few breakers were more willing to separate and refuse bids for whole egg as margins tighten. Breaking stock supplies were mixed from balanced to adequate.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 01 December, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	15	31-33	31.27	.52
WHITES	13	20-23	21.12	-.06
YOLKS	12	55-62	57.33	-.42

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower on salt yolk, other items were mostly unchanged when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was about steady on yolks, mixed on whites and unsettled on whole. Trading was irregular with buyers reported as being cautious. Supplies were usually adequate for current needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending November 25, 2000 were 5% less than last week, and 1% less than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	48-50		54-56
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		68-90
WHITES	35-38		41-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	67-72	68-71	70-74
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	64-70	66-68	67-70
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen egg prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower for sugared yolk with the balance unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to mostly steady for all frozen egg products. Offerings were tight to usually adequate for needs. Demand was seasonally active and rated as mostly moderate with additional interest noted for fill-in product on frozen whole egg. Breaking stock supplies were mixed, but mostly in close balance to adequate for current needs.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	47-50	48-49
WHITES	34-37	34-36
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-72	69
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-69	66-68

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the holiday week ending 11/25 was 27% less than the previous week. Breaking stock and liquid generally adequate. Frozen demand fairly good and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	55-58
WHITES	41-44
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-79
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-76

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Prices were irregular. However, mostly prices were unchanged to lower on albumen, other items were mostly unchanged when compared to a week earlier. The market tone was usually steady on whole and blends, about steady on yolks, and unsettled but usually barely steady to steady on albumen. Demand was irregular with traders cautious. However, some trading was reported for immediate ship and some into the first quarter. Supplies were irregular but adequate for most trade needs. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending November 25, 2000 were unchanged from last week, and 2% less than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.72-1.95	MOSTLY 1.75-1.85
YOLKS	1.47-1.75	MOSTLY 1.55-1.65
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.65-3.05	MOSTLY 2.70-2.90
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.40	

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 24, 00-NOV 30,00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
142.25								120.75							
SE				NE				MW				SC			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	52.70	55.59	88.00	GNR W 1	53.88	55.58	88.00	GNR W 1	—	59.38	—	GNR W 1	—	59.38	25.00
GNR W 2	—	—	5.00	GNR W 2	—	—	5.00	GNR W 2	—	48.00	—	GNR W 2	—	48.00	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	5.00	GNR W 3	—	—	5.00	GNR W 3	—	43.67	—	GNR W 3	—	43.67	5.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	3.00	GNR BR 1	52.25	53.75	3.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	GNR BR 1	—	—	—
GL W J	—	—	7.00	GL W J	—	—	7.00	GL W J	63.75	—	—	GL W J	63.75	—	8.25
GL W XL	—	—	36.50	GL W XL	63.50	65.28	36.50	GL W XL	56.89	63.50	—	GL W XL	56.89	63.50	13.25
GL W LG	—	69.00	30.25	GL W LG	61.50	66.86	30.25	GL W LG	57.75	65.00	—	GL W LG	57.75	65.00	24.50
GL W MD	—	—	22.75	GL W MD	48.07	50.07	22.75	GL W MD	45.44	—	45.00	GL W MD	45.44	—	9.50
GL W SM	—	32.00	7.50	GL W SM	28.27	30.87	7.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	GL W SM	—	—	2.00
GL BR LG	—	—	1.00	GL BR LG	—	—	1.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	GL BR LG	—	—	—
NRBS - 50	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 50	—	36.33	1.00	NRBS - 50	—	—	—	NRBS - 50	—	—	—
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	27.00	NRBS - 48	—	39.00	—	NRBS - 48	—	39.00	7.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 39	—	—	2.00	NRBS - 39	—	—	—	NRBS - 39	—	—	2.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for normal processing schedules. Demand was only fair and unaggressive. Interest for finished product were clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of leghorn fowl available for slaughter. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were full. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices continued unchanged. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate with offerings fully sufficient to instances burdensome for current production requirements. Slaughter schedules were full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants generally worked full schedules. Offerings ample with some flocks forced to move earlier than desired due to lack of line time after the first of the year.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.25	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading		
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT		

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 1-Dec-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	83.51	81.13	71.07
SOUTHERN	82.06	80.34	65.89
MIDWEST	74.38	73.14	58.86
WESTERN	104.21	98.68	87.86
TWELVE METRO AREAS	88.78	85.56	73.83
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were unchanged on light canners, however, trading on heavy canners were higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to good, best on heavies. Supplies ranged from short to adequate for trade needs. Undertone was steady to fully steady mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS,
WITH OUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-24 MAJORITY	29-34.5 MAJORITY
PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	31-33CENTS
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-26 MAJORITY	29.5-35 MAJORITY
	31.5-33

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 25-Nov-00

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	1,134	944	2,078
LAST WEEK	1,858	1,411	3,269
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,364	846	2,210
TO-DATE/2000	88,575	67,886	156,461
TO-DATE/1999	96,629	66,307	162,936

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	425	0	425
LAST WEEK	220	0	220
SAME WEEK YR AGO	332	7	339
TO-DATE/2000	21,072	365	21,437
TO-DATE/1999	21,487	274	21,761

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
(THOUSANDS)			
HEAD	1,559	944	2,503
LAST WEEK	2,078	1,411	3,489
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,696	853	2,549
TO-DATE/2000	109,647	68,251	177,898
TO-DATE/1999	118,116	66,581	184,697

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports To Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Nov 18, 2000	Year-To-Date			
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	141	103	6,844	12,001
Frozen	0	0	198	6
Dried	0	0	503	609
Total	141	103	7,545	12,616

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Nov 18, 2000	Year-To-Date			
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	59	169	4,560	4,224
Frozen	8	45	809	575
Dried	40	0	820	210
Total	107	214	6,189	5,009

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Nov 18, 2000	Year-To-Date			
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	30	60	2,191	1,264
Extra Large	1,008	6	46,596	40,467
Large	2,560	1,868	130,147	137,626
Medium	1,950	1,921	33,795	47,648
Ungraded	8,500	9,370	368,834	581,643
Misc	950	0	11,837	10,722
Total	14,998	13,225	593,400	819,370

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
78-81	69-75	67-72	52-57	29-33

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
52-54	39-41	11-13

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
114-117	88-91	86-89	51-54	17-20

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -
SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 27-Nov-00	4,505	72,019	77,023
AM 1-Nov-00	5,117	128,816	72,410
CHG	-612	-56797	4613
PCT CHG	-12	-44	6

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 25-Nov-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	27.5	25.4	8	-19
BOSTON	4.1	2.8	46	41
CHICAGO	51.1	57.7	-11	7
DETROIT	29.7	30.1	-1	-4
KANSAS CITY	6.9	8.8	-22	-9
LOS ANGELES	143.0	145.9	-2	42
NEW ORLEANS	9.4	10.0	-6	-24
NEW YORK	34.0	38.3	-11	-3
ST. LOUIS	15.3	19.3	-21	-12
SAN FRANCISCO	25.8	23.4	10	-5
TOTAL	346.8	361.7	-4	10
4 WK MVG AVG	331.9			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

25-Nov-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	229.0	-1	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	508.9	-3	4
W.N. CENTRAL	246.2	-5	-1
S. ATLANTIC	207.7	-4	-5
S. CENTRAL	77.2	-6	6
WEST	225.5	0	1
TOTAL	1494.5	-3	1

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 87

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, NOVEMBER 28, 2000

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	121 -	119 -	84 -	50 -
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	114-118 116-117	112-116 114-115	77-81 79-80	43-47 45-46
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	117-121 117	114-118 114	80-84 80	46-50 46
VERMONT MOSTLY	124-125 124	120-121 121	85-87 87	-

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